bringing technology to life



Open Airways™

Maintaining airway access to ensure that your options are always open.

The treatment of acute respiratory conditions and chronic respiratory illness involves many therapeutic treatments but always includes one critical goal, keeping airways open. One of the most effective ways to open airways, and to keep them open, is to manage secretions.

Effective secretion management — detection, hydration, mobilization, removal and collection of excessively thick respiratory secretions — helps improve or preserve respiratory health and promotes positive patient outcomes.

Smiths Medical, a leader in respiratory health, is looking at secretion management in a new way. From hospital to home care, our approach is clinically focused. For whatever secretion management challenges you face — lung infections, atelectasis, ventilation, decreased lung volumes — Smiths Medical can help you achieve more successful interventions and enhanced outcomes.

In acute care settings, pulmonary therapy is important for patients at risk for atelectasis. A study conducted at the University of Pittsburgh concluded the implementation of a respiratory treatment protocol can decrease ventilator days, ICU stays and lower total hospital costs.¹





Principal interventions for secretion mobilization and removal.

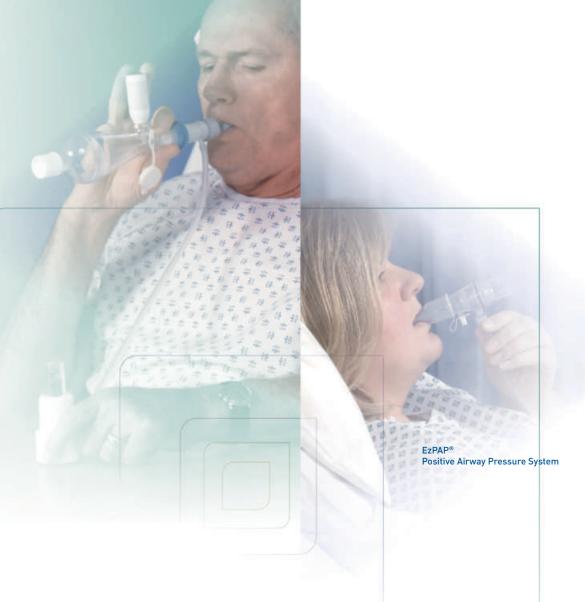
Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) therapy, which also includes Positive Expiratory Pressure (PEP) therapies, is used as part of a broader bronchial hygiene therapy program for the mobilization and removal of secretions, particularly in patients with atelectasis, COPD and cystic fibrosis. It can successfully:

- Reduce air trapping, common with asthma and COPD
- Aid in the mobilization of retained secretions as are found in cystic fibrosis and chronic bronchitis
- Prevent or reverse atelectasis
- Optimize the delivery of bronchodilators

Smiths Medical's specialized products can provide these therapeutic benefits across the continuum of care.



We're ready to share our new approach with you.



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